

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Public Lands Section
State Office Building – Room 5112
June 12, 2007 - 9:00am

Minutes

Members Present:

ZAREKARIZI, Susan - Div. Parks and Recreation
GRIERSON, Dave – FFSL
GUNNELL, Roy – UDAF
TATUM, KARIN – DEQ/Drinking Water
BARRUS, Russ – Div. Water Resources
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pam - DOGM
CLARK, Robert - DEQ/Air Quality
LINDSEY, Sarah - DWR
HARTY, Kimm- UGS
PECORELLI, Mike – DEQ/DERR
SEDDON, Matt – History
MARSHALL, Shane – UDOT
QUICK, Shelly – DEQ/WQ
CLAYTON, Boyd – Div. Water Rights
GUNNELL, Roy – UDAF
BOHN, Ralph - DSHW

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn - PLPCO
RUPLE, John - PLPCO
HUNSAKER, Lori - PLPCO
MOWER, Mike – GOPB
HARJA, John - PLPCO
GARCIA, Tim, USFS
BENNETT, John - GOPB
JEMMING, Jonathan - PLPCO
PAYNE, Val - PLPCO
KAHLOW, Kathy – Forest Service

Susan Zarekarizi, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 8th meeting were amended by Pam Grubaugh-Littig to read There are several applications (plural) to reactivate mines. Delete the paragraph about BLM, it refers to Lori's discussion on the same project. The minutes from the May 8, 2007 were approved by Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, seconded by Kimm Harty. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Wild and Scenic Rivers Suitability Study - Val Payne (PLPCO)

Val, PLPCO, introduced **Kathy Kahlow** who is the District Ranger for the Kamas District Forest Service, Team Leader on the joint effort for the State and Forest Service on conducting the Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study statewide on the six Forests in the State. He wanted to share with the committee the same information he has prepared for the public in scoping meetings. Please see attached briefing paper.

LeRay McAllister – John Bennett

The Utah Quality Growth Commission organization has the responsibility to administer the LeRay McAllister fund among other things. It was established in 1999 as part of the Quality Growth Act and has 13 members who are appointed by the Governor with consent of the Senate and they are nominated by a variety of interests. Please see attached power point presentation.

III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Dave Grierson, Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, (DFFSL), reported there are two proposals on the RDCC Management listing, Green River X - Oil and Gas Lease

Nomination comments due June 25, 2007. Green River XI - Oil and Gas Lease
Nomination, comments due June 22, 2007.

Pam Grubaugh-Littig, DOGM, had nothing to report at this time however; the Lila Canyon permit has been issued (May 18, 2007)

Kimm Harty, Utah Geological Survey, reported an update on the Snake Valley well drilling program. UGS hopes to start drilling by the end of this month. Phase one would include eight wells that will be drilled in Utah adjacent to the Nevada border. The wells are situated in Millard and Beaver Counties. Ultimately they are going to be drilling more than the eight but, eight of them will be drilled this summer

Lori Hunsaker, PLPCO, reported they are going to be working with John Bennett soon to get the 98404 Compliance done on the LeRay McCallister fund. They continue to work on the programmatic agreement for Holly pipeline (south) and also they are coordinating between federal and state agencies on the abandoned mine programmatic agreement to speed up the process.

Shane Marshall, UDOT, reported they have a couple of drafts coming out next month. An EIS in Logan, EA SR-12 in Escalante Boulder. They also have a wetland mitigation bank in Utah County near Lehi on the north side of Utah Lake. UDOT just started the process and it should be started by next month.

Mike Mower, GOPB, introduced himself as the new State Planning Coordinator; he works in the Governor's Office and also GOPB.

Tim Garcia, Forest Service, reported the Forest Plan Revision is on hold indefinitely for the National Forests - Manti La-Sal, Ashley, Fishlake and Dixie as a result of an injunction in 9th Circuit on insufficient analysis of the 2005 Planning Rule related specifically to ESA and NEPA Compliance. The Forest Service Supervisor and staff on those Forests have those plans on hold until the Forest Service hears from our Council, Washington and 9th Circuit.

Jonathan Jemming (Jonny), (RDCC Director), Mike Mower is the new State Planning Coordinator for the state. The function of the RDCC legally and practically is to assist the State Planning Coordinator. The Committee will be working closer with Mike Mower over the next few months to get further direction.

Over the last two years, we have seen a lot of development with RDCC with new faces at the table and a lot of new projects and planning ideas coming forward. Jonny has begun an RDCC road show, educating the new county folks about how the RDCC operates within state government, and informing them how we can assist the counties in their planning function and project review function and how to give them a voice in federal funding as well.

One of the things that it has lead to is the municipalities also see that the RDCC as something that needs to be listened to because it has helped them with their planning process. The road show will continue to develop/planning projects that are occurring because that helps them to make better planning decisions as they look at into water, air, wildlife, archaeology, transportation and cultural resources etc. This will be the theme for our expanding role.

Some advice he would like to give the Committee, when you receive comments on your own projects it is really important for you to respond to them in some way. This is very

important for both legal and political reasons. The RDCC is the avenue for the Governor and the State Planning Coordinator to receive public comments and it is really important for us to meaningfully respond in some way. When you make comment, make sure you make them in positive ways and try to avoid personal tones and comments, let's do our best as agency representatives to take out the personality's and get to the issues because it helps as it goes up the ladder in the review process and consistency review. It also helps to keep the relationship with other agencies as a positive one.

Boyd Clayton, Division of Water Rights, nothing to comment on at this time except a heads up on a project that is coming soon, they have been negotiating with the NPS on Arches National Park and Natural Bridges and they are getting close to a settlement.

Bob Clark, Div. Air Quality, reported that over the last couple of years, the Division of Air Quality has been trying to encourage land management agencies, especially those that produce Environmental Impact Statements, Environmental Assessments, and Resource Management Plans, to consider the "overall cumulative impacts" of all proposed oil and gas developments in an area, on the air quality of the region. Currently there seems to be little thought given to the cumulative effect of multiple projects in any given area. Each of these projects, when considered individually, may not create sufficient harmful emissions that could place an area in jeopardy of violating a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), but when considering the cumulative effect of several projects, the overall effect can be significant.

Over the past 10 – 15 years the ambient concentration of ozone, a criteria pollutant defined in the Clean Air Act (CAA) as a pollutant created by the chemical interaction of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) in the presence of high temperatures, has increased from approximately 65 ppb to 73 ppb in rural areas of Utah. The current NAAQS for ozone is 80 ppb, but the EPA is now proposing to lower that standard to between 70 and 75 ppb based on a variety of scientific reasons including health considerations.

With the already tightened national standard for particulate matter (2007) and the impending tightening of the national standard for ozone (2008), it is imperative that land management agencies begin to consider the cumulative effects of harmful emissions on the air quality of the regions under their management authority.

John Ruple, PLPCO, thanked everyone who provided comments on the Oil Sands Leasing EIS, there were several thousand pages to review on the EIS and he appreciated everyone who took the time to review the document. PLPCO received about 15 pages of comments.

John Harja, Acting Director of the Public Lands Office, reported the comments on the predecisional draft of the programmatic Oil Shale Leasing EIS were very helpful. Because the draft was pre-decisional, and not for public comment, the comments will not be posted. The draft Oil Shale EIS will be released publically later this summer, and will have a 90 day review.

In terms of the Air Quality discussion from Bob Clark, the BLM, Forest Service, and NPS needs to realize the basin-wide scope of the issue in terms of development. Oil shale is in the same basin, which actually extends into Colorado. The piecemeal approach to the issue is beginning to have difficulties. A regional look may be necessary, and BLM is giving consideration to the idea.

The Nevada water project saga continues. Hugh Hurlow from UGS has the state's drilling program underway. He spends a lot of time out in the West Desert explaining what is going on.

The state is trying to make sure that we have wells in place that identifies base line levels of water, so if pumping ever occurs we know what is happening.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:22 am, the next meeting will be held July 10, 2007, **Sea Gull Room (east building)**.

**BRIEFING GUIDE FOR WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SUITABILITY STUDY FOR
NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS IN UTAH
OVERVIEW OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS (WSR) PROCESS**

A four-step process will be followed to consider potential rivers and streams for Wild and Scenic River Designation.

Eligibility: An objective inventory of river conditions. A stream segment must be free-flowing and have at least one outstanding remarkable value (ORV) to be Eligible.

Classification: River segments are classified as wild, scenic, or recreational based on the level of development and access along the river corridor. (e.g. "wild" – little access/development)

Suitability: The suitability step considers the question, "Is it worthy to pursue a Congressional designation?"

Designation: Once a segment passes the previous three steps it can be forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture for delivery to Congress for consideration.

FOREST SERVICE AND STATE OF UTAH TO COOPERATE IN WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SUITABILITY EFFORT

The Forest Service has completed the first two steps of this process. **In May 2007, the State of Utah and the National Forests in Utah officially initiated a process to answer the suitability questions found in step three of the process.** At the end of the study process in approximately 1.5 years, an Environmental Impact Statement will be completed and a list of recommended suitable river segments will be presented to Congress. (This may result in the designation of some Wild and Scenic Rivers in Utah by Congress.)

Suitability will provide an opportunity to discuss many aspects of the WSR process that were not relevant during the eligibility discussion. Public open houses and a couple of comment periods (Scoping and DEIS), will provide an opportunity to discuss, "Does it make sense to pursue Congressional designation?" In order to answer that question we will look at (but not be limited to):

- 1 – Is this river a 'worthy addition' to the national system?
- 2 – Tradeoffs between development and protection
- 3 – Status of land ownership
- 4 – Potential uses of the land and related waters
- 5 – Interest in designation or non-designation by federal, state, local, tribal, public and others
- 6 – Estimated costs for management and protection of ORVs
- 7 – Ability of agency to manage and/or protect the river
- 8 – Historical or existing rights which could be affected

**4
Designation**

**3
Suitability**

1
Eligibility

2
Classification

BASIC PROJECT TIMELINE

May 2007 – Notice of Intent Published in Federal Register

May-June 2007 – Public Scoping Period/Open Houses

November 2007 – Draft Environmental Impact Statement Released for Comment

Spring/Summer 2008 – Final Environmental Impact Statement

UPCOMING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES 4:00-8:00 P.M.

May 3, Lyman, WY – Town Hall (7:00 PM)

May 7, Paradox, CO – Paradox Town Community Center (in basement of old red church)

May 8, Moab – The MARC – Arts and Recreation Center, 111 E. 100 N.

May 9, Castle Dale – Emery County Courthouse, 75 E. Main Street

May 10, Ephraim – Snow College Rasmussen Conference Center (in Greenwood Student Center), 270 E. 100 N. (College Ave)

May 15, Richfield – Snow College-Richfield, 800 W. 200 S.

May 16, Cedar City – Library in the Park, 303 N. 100 E.

May 17, Escalante – Interagency Visitor's Center, 755 W. Main Street

May 22, Logan - BRAG Conference Room, 170 N. Main Street

May 23, Park City – Miners Hospital, 1354 Park Ave

May 24, Vernal – Western Park Convention Center, 302 E. 200 S.

May 29, Heber City – Wasatch County Senior Center, 465 E. 1200 S.

May 30, Oakley -Town Hall 960 W. Center St.

May 31, Provo – Courtyard by Marriott, 1600 N Freedom Blvd.

June 5, St. George – Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive

June 7, Salt Lake City – Salt Lake City Library, 210 E. 400 S.

CONTACT INFORMATION

We hope that you will stay involved with us through this WSR suitability process.

Feel free to contact us anytime or visit our website for up-to-date information.

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537-9297 Loyal Clark, Forest Service (Northern Utah), (801) 342-5117 Kenton

Call, Forest Service (Southern Utah), (435) 865-3730

PROJECT WEBSITE, NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS WEBSITE

Our project **website** can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/rivers/> or for more information about the National WSR system <http://www.rivers.gov>



Utah Quality Growth Commission

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Utah Quality Growth Commission

- Established in 1999
- Has 13 Members appointed by the Governor with Consent of Senate
- Members represent
 - Cities and Counties
 - Farmers and Ranchers
 - Homebuilders and Realtors
 - Citizens at-large
 - State Dept. of Natural Resources
 - State Dept. of Agriculture and Food
- At least 5 members must reside in rural counties



Utah Quality Growth Commission

Current Members

- Commission Leaders:
 - Jaren Davis, Utah Association of Realtors, Chairman
 - Flint Richards, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, Vice Chairman
- County Representatives
 - Mike Kohler, Wasatch County Council
 - Sally Elliot, Summit County Commission
 - Larry Ellertson, Utah County Commission
- City Representatives
 - Darrell Smith, Mayor of Draper
 - Justin Allen, Centerville City Council
 - Laraine Swenson, Logan City Council
- State Agency Representatives
 - Mike Styler, Executive Director, Dept. of Natural Resources
 - Leonard Blackham, Commissioner of Agriculture
- Additional Private Sector Representatives
 - Ken Mitchell, Utah Association of Homebuilders
 - Brent Tanner, Utah Cattlemen's Association
 - Citizen-at-large, vacant



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Former Members

- Governor Jon Huntsman, Citizen-at-large
- Lieutenant Governor Gary Herbert, County Representative
- Dan Lofgren, Utah Homebuilders
- Carlton Christensen, Salt Lake City Council
- Lewis Billings, Mayor of Provo
- David Allen, Rancher
- Leland Hogan, Farmer
- Brad Barber, Citizen-at-large
- Kathleen Clarke, DNR
- Bob Morgan, DNR
- Cary Peterson, UDAF
- Dennis Larkin, former Holladay Mayor
- Shauna Kerr, former Summit County Commissioner
- Dee Allsop, Wirthlin Group, Citizen-at-large
- Jerry Stevenson, Mayor of Layton
- Carol Page, Former Davis County Commissioner
- Camille Cain, Former Weber County Commissioner
- Ken Ashby, Farmer
- Max Thompson, Realtor
- Lee Allen, Former Box Elder County Commissioner



Responsibilities of the Commission

1. Advise the Legislature and the Governor on Growth Management Issues
2. Assist Local Governments to plan for Quality Growth
3. Conserve Critical Lands by administering the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund



LeRay McAllister
Critical Land
Conservation Fund

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McAllister Fund

- Makes grants to:
 - Local governments
 - Department of Natural Resources
 - Department of Agriculture
 - 501(c)3 Organizations
- Preserve or restore open and agricultural lands
- Requires a match of at least 50% of total project cost
 - Most Grants have higher leverage



Eligible Holders of Ownership interests

- Statute Defines which Organizations are eligible to hold ownership interests purchased with these funds:
 - State Dept. of Natural Resources
 - State Dept. of Agriculture and Food
 - Cities and towns
 - Counties



Criteria

Funds used for:

- Projects that are unique and irreplaceable
- Projects that have multiple public benefits
- Projects that are cost effective – have high leverage
- Projects that are urgent – are under imminent threat of development



What We Consider

Statute requires that we consider:

- Nature and Amount of land to be preserved
- Qualities or Benefits of preservation
- The relationship of the project to the critical lands plan of the local government.
- Effects of the project on housing affordability and diversity
- When watershed protection is claimed as a benefit, the state engineer must review to establish those benefits.



Grant Awards

- Range of \$10,000 - \$900,000
- Preservation Projects
 - Watershed/Water Quality
 - Wildlife Habitat
 - Farms and Ranches
 - Recreation
 - Wetlands
 - Viewsheds/Scenic Quality
 - Cultural/Historic Preservation
- Restoration Projects
 - Stream remeanering
 - Re-vegetation
 - Farm land restoration



Appropriations

FY 2000:	\$2,750,000
	\$ 311,760
FY 2001:	\$2,750,000
FY 2002:	\$2,287,200
FY 2003:	\$ 482,600
FY 2004:	\$ 482,600
FY 2005:	\$ 482,600 ongoing
	\$ 300,000 one time
	\$ 782,600 total
FY 2006:	\$ 482,600 ongoing
	\$2,850,000 one time
	\$3,332,600 total
FY 2007	\$ 482,600 ongoing
	\$1,000,000 one time
	\$1,482,600 total
FY 2008	\$ 482,600 ongoing
	\$2,000,000 one time
	<u>\$2,482,600 total</u>

Total:	\$17,144,560
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Accomplishments as of May 2007

- Preserved and/or restored 70,000 acres
- Funded 63 projects in 17 counties
- Leveraged \$14.5 million spent from the Fund with \$85.2 million of private, local, federal and other state funds – almost a 1/5 ratio
- Ensured every funded project serves a compelling public interest

LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund

63 Projects Funded by the
Utah Quality Growth
Commission as of
October, 2006

LEGEND:

 Counties which
contain a project
funded by the
McAllister Fund

• Approved Projects

Note: The symbol shown
above does **not** pinpoint
project locations on the map.

Source: Governor's Office
of Planning and Budget,
October, 2006

Cache County

- American West Heritage Center Farmland Preserve
- Logan City/ Blacksmith Fork River
- Brooke Ranch
- Sagamore Farms
- Fuhrman Ranch
- Woodlee Dairy
- Zollinger Farm
- Selman Ranch I & II
- Glenn Farm
- Trout of Paradise

Weber County

- Gary Hess Weber River Property
- Ogden River Centennial Trail
- Bingham Fort Farm
- Weber Pathways Uintah Trail Segments

Davis County

- Black Agriland
- PacifiCorp Conservation Easement
- Kay's Creek Corridor
- Mabey Pond
- West Layton Farmland
- Utah Botanical Center

Morgan County

- Peaceful Valley Ranch
- Richins Ranch

Salt Lake County

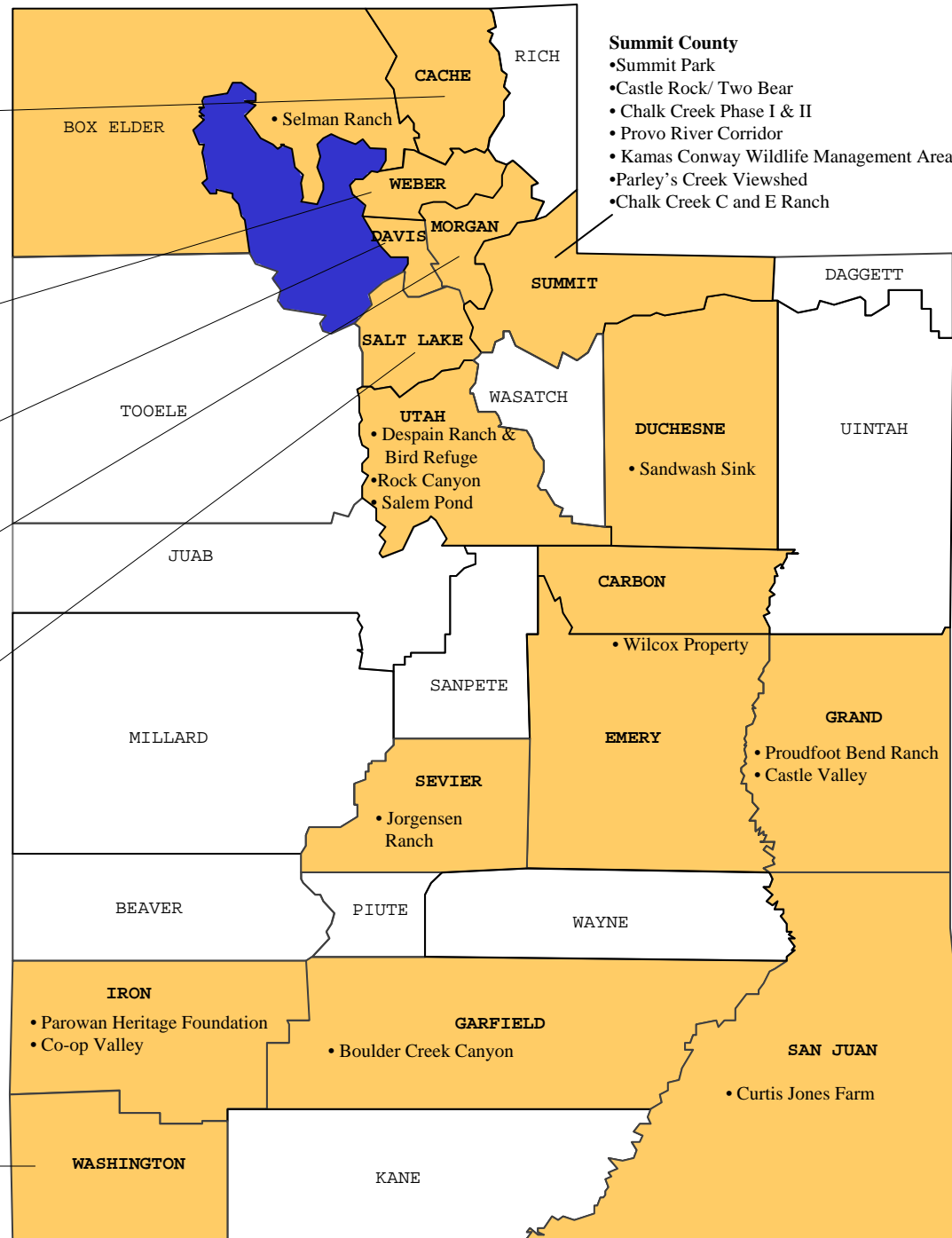
- Dry Creek Riparian Restoration Phase I & II
- West Jordan, Jordan River Re-meandering
- Bluffdale UPRR/Jordan River Property, North & South
- Willow Heights, Big Cottonwood Canyon
- West Valley City Wetlands
- TreeUtah/Audubon Habitat Restoration Phase I, II & III
- Red Butte Gardens
- Holladay Knudsen Park
- South Jordan Shields River Walk
- Draper Corner Canyon
- Emigration Canyon Perkins Flat
- Foothill H Rock

Washington County

- Virgin River Confluence Phase I & II
- Grafton Town Phase I & II
- Santa Clara Arboretum
- Virgin River Headwaters

Summit County

- Summit Park
- Castle Rock/ Two Bear
- Chalk Creek Phase I & II
- Provo River Corridor
- Kamas Conway Wildlife Management Area
- Parley's Creek Viewshed
- Chalk Creek C and E Ranch



WILDLIFE



Kamas Winter Range, Summit County

- 300 acres of prime elk and deer habitat
- Adjacent to State Owned Land
- Provides Public Access for hunting

AGRICULTURE

Brookes Ranch, Cache County



- Productive 2100 acre farm
- Significant Wildlife habitat
- Uses advanced farm management techniques

WETLANDS



Jordan
River
Re-meander,
Salt Lake
County

- Hi-quality wetland adjacent to river
- Re-meandering will restore river's natural flows
- Used by more than 180 bird species

HISTORIC



Grafton Town, Washington County

- Historic structures, fields and canals
- One of most photographed ghost towns in the West
- Part of the Zion Scenic Corridor

WATER QUALITY



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Peaceful
Valley
Ranch,
Morgan
County

- 5,500 acres of vital watershed protection
- Preserves flows of East Canyon Creek
- Partnered with Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

RECREATION



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Summit Park, Summit County

- Provides public access to the Great Western Trail
- Popular backcountry ski destination
- Excellent hiking location near urban core



Utah Quality Growth Commission

Planning Assistance

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Map of Utah showing county boundaries and the locations of 15 National Wildlife Refuges. The refuges are marked with symbols: blue stars for National Antiquities Act, yellow triangles for National Monument, and green squares for National Preserve. The counties labeled are BOX ELDER, RICH, WEBER, MORGAN, DAVIS, SUMMIT, SALT LAKE, WASATCH, TOOELE, UTAH, DUCHESNE, JUAB, CARBON, MILLARD, SANPETE, EMERY, SEVIER, GRAND, BEAVER, PIUTE, WAYNE, IRO, GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, KANE, and SAN JUAN.

2005
Bluffdale
Farmington City
Kamas/Oakley
City of St. George
Salt Lake City
Cache County
Juab County
Millard County
Piute County
Sanpete County
Sevier County
Wayne County

2007
Cache County
Perry City
Wasatch County
Washington County

2005
Bingham Fort Farm
Dry Creek Restoration
Fuhriman Farm
Jordan River Open
Space Preservation
Red Butte Garden
and Arboretum
Rock Canyon
Salem Outdoor
Wetland Classroom
Santa Clara Arboretum
Tree Utah
Woodlee Dairy/
Gittins Farm

2006
Plain City
Ferron City
Joseph
Koosharem
Monticello
Mt. Pleasant
Wasatch Front
Regional Council
Cache County
Wasatch County
Weber County

2005
Daggett County
Iron County
San Juan County
Tooele County
Uintah County

2006
Daggett County
Garfield County
Millard County

2007
Garfield County
Tooele County

2007
Chalk Creek Ranch
Glenn Family Farm
Richins Ranch
Salt Lake City
Foothill Preservation
Selman Ranch Phase II
Tree Utah Phase III
Trout of Paradise
Virgin River Headwaters
Weber River Parkway

FY 2007 Planning Grant Funds - \$200,000

Grant Recipient	Project Type	Grant Amount
Iron County	Spatial Growth Modeling Tool	\$50,000
Washington County	Critical Lands Plan for the Vision Dixie Process	\$40,000
Garfield County	County Resource Management Plan	\$16,660
Tooele County	County Resource Management Plan	\$12,000
Cache County	Critical Lands Plan	\$10,000
Wasatch County	Critical Lands Plan	\$18,000
Perry City	Critical Lands Plan	\$8,000
Boulder Town	General Plan & Critical Lands Plan	\$10,000
Fountain Green	General Plan Update	\$6,000
Fairview City	General Plan Update	\$4,000
Elsinore Town	General Plan Update	\$2,000
Trenton Town	General Plan Update	\$2,000
Unitah Basin AOG	Regional Transportation Plan	\$5,000
Moab City/Grand County	Affordable Housing Plan	\$10,000
Brigham City/Perry City	Design Guidelines	\$15,000
Centerville City	Main Street Transit Oriented Development Plan	\$8,000

\$216,660





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